

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING (NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING)

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – 7:00 PM – Public Facilities Building

PRESENT: Jim Healy, Clerk; Chuck Mangine; and Matt Borrelli – BOS Representative

ABSENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Mark Forbes, Vice Chair; and Bill Topham

GUESTS: Mike Retzky, Public Facilities – Construction Division; and Dana Weeder, Winter Street Architects

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Healy at 7:02 pm.

This is a properly posted and noticed “Neighborhood Meeting” to discuss the proposed Fieldhouse renovation project. All abutters were sent notices of this public hearing. Town Meeting members, the BOS and the FinCom were also invited.

Healy made a brief introduction stating that this meeting was an opportunity for the architects and public facilities officials to make a public presentation of this project, but more important for all attendees to ask questions and provide comments about same, all of which will be considered in the future work on this design.

Dana Weeder (Winter Street Architects) and Mike Retzky presented the plan and drawings. The following questions / comments were made:

- Can a tent be attached to the building to accommodate the Exchange Club’s July 3rd/4th festivities
- Is the patio too large
- What is the size of the concession stand
- Further discuss the equipment storage areas
- Is there room on the 1st floor for Exchange Club activities
- How will the storage areas be constructed and made secure
- Explain the kitchen / cooking areas – 1st and 2nd floors
- Where will the sports teams store equipment during construction
- Should we consider storage containers – potentially to share same amongst the users
- Explain the impact to the parking lot during construction
- Why not do a tear down rather than a renovation – should we consider an even larger new building
- It may be helpful to superimpose the old building over the proposed new one
- What material is being used for the patio area

- Will the renovated building be “green” and ready to accept solar panels if requested
- Please avoid construction in the rear of the building
- Where are the building utilities located
- What is the location of HVAC on the roof – can this be moved as far away from abutters as possible
- Will there be a rental fee to use the building and/or a cost for a custodian / cleaning
- How will access to the building be managed
- Jeanne McKnight (Planning Board) mentioned the Planning Board’s review of the Special Site Plan

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Healy asked all invitees to submit any other questions or comments as soon as possible so they can be fully considered.

END OF MINUTES.

The next Trustees meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk